study for the development of Dedicated Freight Corridors on the Delhi-Mumbai Western Corridor and Ludhiana-Sonnagar Eastern Corridor. The Study is likely to by completed by October 2007

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) has submitted a Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey (PETS) report in January 2007 for both the corridors. As per the report, the 1483 kms long Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai) to Tughlakabad/Dadri Western Corridor and the 1279 kms. long Ludhiana to Sonnagar Eastern Corridor is estimated to cost a total of over Rs. 28,000 crores. RITES has been asked to conduct a feasibility study for extension of Eastern corridor to Kolkata area in view of possibility of increase in freight traffic on account of proposed deep sea port. .

Conversion of Stations of Gujarat into World Class

†127. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to convert some railway stations of the country into world class railway stations;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering to convert some railway stations located in the State of Gujarat into world class railway stations;

(c) if so, the names of stations which would be converted into world class stations and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. From the State of Gujarat, Ahmedabad railway station is one of the stations identified for development as World Class station through Public Private Partnership route by leveraging the real-estate potential at the stations. The time-frame by which these stations would be converted into world class stations has not been planned as yet.

Train from Bangalore city to International Airport

128. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a.) whether there is a proposal to introduce an exclusive train from Bangalore City to the new Bangalore International Airport at Devanahalli;

(b) if so. by when it would be undertaken and completed;

(c) what would be the exact route that the train would undertake;

(d) what is the total estimated cost of the project; 'and

(e) what would be the fare of the journey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) There is no such proposal with the Railways.

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